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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-13 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 7, 10-13 are cancelled while claim 1 is amended. Applicants have further amended the specification to include the priority claim as requested by the Examiner.

Priority Claim

The Examiner noted the Applicants' priority claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). By this amendment, the specification has been amended to include reference to the claimed priority.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Timson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,041,412) in view of Kenneth et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,594,233). By this amendment, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to further distinguish the present invention from the cited art. Applicants have also cancelled claims 7, 10-13.
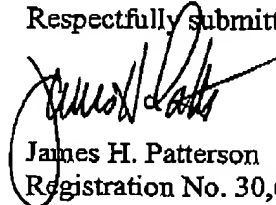
As amended, independent claim 1 has been further clarified to explicitly state that the communication bus has a single data wire used to transmit binary messages for both a contact chip card and a contactless chip card. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Timson et al. nor Kenneth et al. disclose or suggest using a single data wire for transmitting binary messages for both a contact chip card and a contactless chip card. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. By definition, dependent claims 2-6 and 9 are allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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